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MEMORANDUM FOR: 25X1A
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Chairman, COMOR

SUBJECT : Mapping and Charting

1. The DCI, as you may know, has given me the task of conducting a study on the mapping and charting program which is included as an element of the CIP.

2. The two major questions involved in the study are:

a. What is the cost of the contribution of overhead photographic reconnaissance to the mapping and charting program?


b. What portion of the overall mapping and charting program should be charged to intelligence and what part to operational requirements?

3. As you will appreciate from your experience with this program, the answers to these questions are not precisely calculable nor can decisions easily be made as to the methodology to be employed in arriving at rational and useful answers.

4. In order that I may be able to see more clearly the manner in which satellite targeting for mapping and charting purposes is programmed, I would appreciate an expression by you of the system followed, mission by mission, in allocation of film to the mapping and charting target.

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5. Additionally, I would like your views on whether the film consumed for mapping and charting should bear its proportional share of the cost involved in an individual mission or whether, as has been stated by some, that mapping and charting has a free ride unless a mission is flown with mapping and charting as the primary objective.

6. I would like to make it clear that I am not, in the two paragraphs above, asking for actual costing figures.

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